

10. (Amended) A pacemaker as claimed in claim 7 wherein said metallic tubular member has at least one lateral opening therein, and having a contact surface disposed in said lateral opening for establishing electrical contact between the interior of said metallic tubular member and an exterior of said metallic tubular member, said contact surface being electrically connected to at least one of said interior components.

( Claim 11 has been amended as follows: )

11. (Amended) A pacemaker as claimed in claim 10 further comprising an insulating ceramic plug disposed in and closing said lateral opening, said ceramic plug being mechanically attached in said lateral opening and holding said contact surface in said opening.

( Claim 12 has been amended as follows: )

12. (Amended) A pacemaker as claimed in claim 11 wherein said ceramic plug is soldered in said lateral opening.

( Claim 13 has been amended as follows: )

13. (Amended) A pacemaker as claimed in claim 11 wherein said ceramic plug is bonded in said lateral opening.

( Claim 14 has been amended as follows: )

14. (Amended) A pacemaker as claimed in claim 11 wherein said contact surface is a metallic ring and wherein said ceramic plug has an exterior with a lateral opening therein in registry with said lateral opening in said metallic tubular member allowing access to said ring from said exterior of said metallic tubular member.

( Claim 15 has been amended as follows: )

15. (Amended) A pacemaker as claimed in claim 14 wherein said metal ring has a central portion which is free of ceramic of said ceramic plug, producing a peripheral groove at an interior of said ring allowing access to said ring from said interior of said metallic tubular member.

( Claim 16 has been amended as follows: )

16. (Amended) A pacemaker as claimed in claim 7 further comprising a locking arrangement disposed at said second tube end, and accessible from said second tube end, adapted for locking an end of an electrode lead in said metallic tubular member.

( Claim 17 has been amended as follows: )

17. (Amended) A pacemaker as claimed in claim 16 wherein said locking arrangement is at least partially removable from said metallic tubular member to allow access to said end of said electrode lead.

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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Figures 1 and 2 have been amended as shown on the drawing copy marked in red attached to the Request For Approval of Drawing Changes filed simultaneously herewith.